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SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR SECURING COOPERATION OF GOS IN

CONNECTION WITH JUDICIAL ENQUIRY PENDING IN U.S.

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1. JUSTICE DEPT HAS DETERMINED THAT LEADING FIGURE IN N.Y. BRIBERY/FRAUD SCHEME DREW A CHECK ON A SINGAPORE BANK APPARENTLY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SCHEME. SINCE MOST BANKS WILL NOT RELEASE CUSTOMERS' RECORDS WITHOUT A COURT ORDER, JUSTICE ASKS EMBASSY'S HELP IN DETERMINING PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOS. IN PARTICULAR, WILL GOS HONOR LETTER ROGATORY FROM U.S. DISTRICT COURT REQUESTING THAT APPROPRIATE SINGAPORE COURT ISSUE SUBPOENA DIRECTING BANK TO TURN OVER ALL RECORDS RELATING TO SUBJECT'S ACCOUNTS WITH BANK IN QUESTION. IF SO, WHAT INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED IN THE LETTER ROGATORY, AND HOW SHOULD IT BE PRESENTED TO THE COURT (I.E. TRANSMISSION THRU DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS OR THROUGH LOCAL ATTORNEY RETAINED BY USG).

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2. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO SECURE
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